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## SECOND FRANCHISE BILL IS LAUNCHED

Senator Judd Announces Governor Drafted Plan to Meet Previous Objections

GIVES RAPID TRANSIT EXTENSION TO 1950

Introducer Says First Bill Same as Fear Pocket-Vetoed Two Years Ago

Just before the senate took recess at noon today, Senator Judd upset the calculations which had been made regarding the passage of the Chillingworth Rapid Transit & Land Company act, by introducing a measure, drafted by the governor, and designed to provide for the extension of the franchise of the railway company.

Several changes are made in this newly introduced act from those contained in the one which received a pocket veto after the last session of the legislature.

Senator Judd in introducing the bill stated that it had been written by the governor, and that he believes it made clear the chief executive's objection to the proposed act of 1911, and that it differed in several respects from the one offered by Senator Chillingworth.

"There is a bill before the senate now," stated the senator, "to extend the franchise of the Rapid Transit & Land Company's franchise. It is identical with the one which was introduced during the last days of the 1911 session, and which received the pocket veto of the governor."

"This bill, which I am introducing has been drafted by the governor, and I believe it will make clear his objection to the former one. I wish this measure introduced at this time that full publicity may be given it, and that the sentiment of the people may be heard. It is my desire to hear a full discussion on the matter and to that end I ask that the rules be suspended and I be permitted to introduce the bill at this time."

Senator Judd stated after recess had been taken that he did not wish at that time to discuss the merits of the measure, but preferred to wait until it had been printed and the senators had had an opportunity to go into its provisions themselves.

The passage of this bill in the senate will, of course, mean the defeat of the Chillingworth one. It is expected, say some of the senators, that if the governor's bill meets with a favorable reception, Senator Chillingworth will withdraw his bill and allow the new one to pass without opposition.

Just what changes are made in the new bill from the one of 1911 were not made clear by Senator Judd, who passed that point by merely stating that it contained, he believed, the explanation of the objections of the governor to the former measure.

The bill provides for the extension of the Rapid Transit franchise, and specifies the manner in which the company is obliged to evidence its acceptance of the terms for the extension. It asks that congress be requested to approve the measure, and that within a specified time after the approval of congress has been made known the transit company elect to accept or reject the tendered contract.

A number of the changes relate to procedure to be followed in event the government desires to repurchase the franchise, and the manner of making improvements.

The act is clearly written, void of ambiguity. It was ordered to be printed after passing first reading, and will probably come up for second reading and be assigned to committee during the latter part of the week.

The following is the bill in full: "The new bill is entitled: 'An Act relating to the franchise of the Honolulu Rapid Transit & Land Company; extending such franchise and otherwise amending the laws relating thereto,' and its provisions are: "Section 1. That the terms of the franchise granted by acts 69 and 70 of the laws of 1898, being chapter 66 of the revised laws of Hawaii, is hereby extended to July 1, 1950; provided that at any time after the expiration of the original term of thirty years for which said franchise was granted, the territory of Hawaii, or any political division thereof, within

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## HAWAIIAN SUGAR GETS HIGHER PRICE

First of Hawaiian sugars to reach the eastern market since the price advanced four-tenths of a cent a pound is half of the Arizona's cargo, which arrived at New York in the Oregonian today, at the basis of 3.58, as reported by cable to Alexander & Baldwin. All four refineries, the dispatch says, are selling their output at 4.30.

## SUGAR

SAN FRANCISCO, March 12.—Beets: 88 analysis, 10s. Parity, 4.11 cents. Previous quotation, 10s. 1/2d.

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## VIGOROUS WORK TO UNCOVER FRAUDS

Breckons Leaves for Hilo and Bill Providing for Commission Up to Senate

Vigorous and speedy in his plans to carry out a thorough investigation of the Hawaii county financial scandal, Attorney-General Thayer has made two quick moves since yesterday. One development came late yesterday afternoon when he announced that Robert W. Breckons, retiring U. S. district attorney, had been secured to handle the investigation as a special agent or investigator under the attorney-general's office. The second move was made today when the draft of a legislative act was completed to provide a commission to handle the investigation. The commission will be a sort of special grand jury and Mr. Breckons becomes a deputy attorney-general. He left this morning for Hilo, and Mr. Thayer expects to go to Hilo on the Mauna Kea next Saturday.

"The formation of this commission will give a working body that can proceed actively to the task," said Mr. Thayer this morning. Mr. Breckons is splendidly qualified for the work and prosecutions will be started right away, I expect. The commission will hold hearings with Mr. Breckons handling the investigation before it, and from time to time civil actions may be started."

The governor and the attorney general, it is evident, are determined upon a rigid and thorough probe. Breckons may return from Hilo Saturday but is expected to remain and come back on the Mauna Kea next Tuesday morning. He has resigned as attorney general, but his successor has not yet been named, so that he now has secured a leave of absence from the federal office.

The attorney general's office this morning completed the draft of the act to provide a commission with power to thoroughly investigate the financial affairs of the county of Hawaii and to provide for the expenses of such a commission. As stated in yesterday's Star-Bulletin, the commission is to consist of three members chosen by the governor and endowed with practically the same powers that are granted a grand jury in a similar case. The commission is modeled after a similar commission that investigated the insurance scandals to such good effect in New York a few years ago. Senator Judd will present the draft to the senate this afternoon, and that body will make what revisions, if any, are necessary to insure a thorough investigation of the worst financial scandal in the history of Hawaii. Immediate action will undoubtedly be taken so that the attorney general can proceed at once with his investigations. The act calls for an appropriation of \$15,000 and states that at the completion of the work the auditor of the territory treasury shall certify to the auditor of the county of Hawaii the total amount of money expended and the auditor of Hawaii shall thereupon draw a warrant upon the treasurer of the county of Hawaii for the amount in favor of the territory. The powers of the commission as to summoning witnesses, taking testimony, etc., are so absolute as to insure a thorough investigation.

Sections 4, 5 and 6 of the drafted act define the powers in this way: "Section 4. Each member of the commission shall have the power to administer oaths, and the commission shall have the power to employ all necessary auditors and clerical assistance, to subpoena witnesses, to take

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## WEBER CRUSHED BY THE CARS

Joseph Weber, an employee of Contractor John Wilson, and engaged in the construction of the belt road on the windward side of Oahu, lies at Queen's hospital in critical condition, as a result of serious injuries received on Monday, when Weber was crushed by cars.

The man was engaged in making a coupling of dirt cars on an improvised railway line when he is said to have slipped and fallen between two loaded cars.

In addition to the fracture of several ribs, the left lung is believed to have been punctured. Weber is a German, and has been in the islands but a short time. It is reported from the hospital that the man stands a fair chance of recovering.

## MOVE MADE FOR GREATER WATER SUPPLY

Assistant Supt. Wheeler Takes Up Problem in Letter to Governor

URGES \$50,000 FOR EXPERT INVESTIGATION

Declares Present Waste from Artesian Wells Is Criminal and Must Be Stopped

Recommending that the governor ask the legislature to appropriate a sum of \$50,000 for a thorough and scientific examination of the water system on the island of Oahu, Assistant Superintendent of Public Works A. C. Wheeler, under date of March 10, states in a letter to the governor that the general artesian head on the island is lowering, that nearly every year irrigation restriction notices must be posted, and that many of the pumps are overloaded in ordinary conditions of water supply. Wheeler declares that the water works department has never had the funds to devise any comprehensive scheme of water supply, the available funds being barely enough to cover necessary expenditures. He recommends that a bill be now drawn up and introduced to the legislature giving power to the superintendent of public works to comprehensively scheme out the problem of the water supply of Honolulu for the next fifty years.

This scheme, which would be brought before the next legislature, would include in its investigation: 1st. A comprehensive study of the water resources of Oahu.

2nd. A report as to whether these resources can be increased by development.

3rd. A report on the exact conditions of the present department, including pumps, pipes, resources, dams and reservoirs.

4th. Means and an estimate of cost of the transportation or water from resources to consumer.

5th. Estimate of probable growth of Honolulu in the next fifty years. Wheeler states that the territory has men of sufficient ability to make this report without asking the assistance of men on the coast. The superintendent of public works would be able to gather from his own department full details and accounts of the present system. He could likewise gather from local experts such information as would be of assistance to him in making up this report.

Plan to Stop Present Waste. When seen this morning Wheeler pointed out in an uncertain tone the necessity of taking steps to prevent

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## GIRLS' AGE AND WAGE BILLS IN HOUSE

Girls under twenty years of age will not be permitted to marry without the consent of their parents or legal guardians if house bill No. 108, which passed the house this morning, becomes law. This measure was passed as originally introduced by Representative Sheldon, though amended in committee to lower the age of girls one year and raise the age of majority for boys a year. It would now set the majority for both sexes at 20 years.

This was probably the most important action taken in the lower branch this morning, though four other bills were passed on third reading and sent to the senate.

The minimum wage bill, on its appearance for third reading in the house today, precipitated a hot discussion that gave no indication of abatement when the noon recess was called, and was expected to continue for an unlimited period this afternoon. This measure is a substitute submitted by the miscellany committee in place of several minimum wage measures introduced early in the session by representatives of the two parties. It proposes to raise the minimum wage of all laborers on public improvements to \$175 per day.

Kupieha offered an amendment proposing to raise the minimum pay for laborers on Oahu and Hawaii to \$2 per day, and set that for laborers on Maui and Kauai at \$1.50 a day. Coney's motion to table this amendment to make the law applicable only to employees on territorial work and not affecting those working for the cities and counties. Discussion over this suggestion was at its height when noon recess was declared.

Representative Sheldon, who introduced one of the original minimum wage bills asking for a wage of \$1.50, warmly opposed Irwin's proposal, declaring the house was "biting off more than it could chew." In other words, that if the amendment were made and one measure passed by the house, it would never get past the senate. He declared it asked more than the senators would concede.

## WATSON GETS BIG BACKING FOR GOVERNOR

(Special Star-Bulletin Cable.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12.—Congressman Benjamin G. Humphreys, of Mississippi, chairman of the house committee on territories, has recommended to President Wilson and Secretary of the Interior Lane the name of Edward M. Watson of Honolulu for governor of Hawaii. C. S. ALBERT.

Mr. Watson's application for the governorship, it is known here, is indorsed not only by a number of prominent representatives, but also by several influential senators, among whom is John Sharp Williams of Mississippi.

## CONKLING URGES STANDARDIZING INSURANCE

Territorial Treasurer Lloyd Conkling, who is also territorial insurance commissioner, as a result of his observations of the latter branch in Hawaii declares that Hawaii should stand for the writing of standard insurance policies by the companies doing business within its borders.

"The system of standard policy writing by all means should be put in effect here," he said yesterday, discussing his report of last week and kindred matters. "The system required in mainland states, more particularly in New York, Massachusetts and California, should be engrafted here. The money paid out for policies here is just as good and the protection given to the people who buy insurance should be just as good."

"Our insurance law was passed more as a makeshift than anything else and has been amended only once or twice since its enactment. 'In the states mentioned only these standard policies can be written and insurance companies incorporated under the laws of these states may not write other than standard policies anywhere. Such policies must come up to a certain standard of guarantee."

"Furthermore, the kind of law which makes it a misdemeanor to rebate in the writing of insurance should be put into effect here. Rebating a part of the premiums, or rebating under any other guise, should not be permitted in this or any other community."

## POTTER DENIES PAPERS SERVED IN 'PROMISE' CASE

C. B. Potter, as bright and smiling a bridegroom as was ever seen, put in an appearance at his place of business this morning and with apparent candor gave his side of the breach-of-promise suit brought against him, as alleged in the San Francisco papers, by Mrs. Sadie K. Stewart, the handsome divorcee who visited this city about six months ago. "There's nothing to the story at all," Potter declared, not without a show of some merriment. "No papers were served on me in San Francisco and I haven't been interviewed on the matter by any newspaper men to my certain knowledge. If Mrs. Stewart has started action it is without my knowledge, and I have no means of knowing what she may have said about me behind my back. She has already attempted to entangle two men in breach-of-promise suits and it may be that she wanted to make trouble for me. But I don't believe so. Certainly there is no good reason why she should."

Potter dissolved into succession of smiles when asked as to the health of Mrs. Potter, formerly Miss Rebe M. Ellingsworth of Honolulu. "She's fine and dandy," he answered. "I hated to go away and leave her even for a few days, but I only decided to make the trip about an hour before the boat sailed and she had to wait for the Ventura. She's now on her way here and I am looking up a little cottage just big enough for two. She said that she wanted to come along with me when I felt so that we could walk down the streets of Honolulu together and I'm sorry that she had to wait over a boat."

Potter declared that, although his plans are still somewhat indefinite, he and Mrs. Potter will probably stay here for a month or so and then leave for Japan, where Potter has business interests. "It's fierce the way the newspapers in San Francisco exaggerate things and jump on a man on the slightest suspicion," he said. "I guess I'm one of the best advertised men in Honolulu."

## SAILS TODAY ON HUNT FOR BLONDE ESKIMOS



Capt. Vilhjalmur Stefansson, noted Arctic explorer who commands the Karluk, leaving San Francisco today for three years' stay in the far north. Ten noted scientists accompany the intrepid Norseman.

## COKE'S APPOINTMENT NOW PREDICTED; HIS INDORSEMENTS STRONG

(Special Star-Bulletin Cable.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12.—Because of the strong indorsements he has received from all sides, it is predicted here that James L. Coke of Honolulu will be appointed U. S. District Attorney to succeed Robert W. Breckons. C. S. ALBERT.

## STACKABLE NOW EMERGES AS A DEMOCRAT

Collector of Customs Smiles When He Hears of Bourbon Indorsements

While at least a half dozen true and tried Bourbons have gathered to the front and center of the spotlight, clamoring for recognition as possible aspirants for the office of collector of customs for the district of Hawaii, with its very comfortable salary of \$7000 a year, it now appears that there may be more than one saddened and chastened Democrat in the local camp, following the award of this fat billet at the hands of President Wilson.

"E. R. Stackable, collector of customs for the district of Hawaii, to succeed himself," is the slogan that is declared to have rung out in high Bourbonic circles at the national seat of government.

"Your local Democrats, who would select a valiant soldier from the ranks of the 'great unwashed,' have evidently overlooked a big bet in chalking down their little list of eligibles," was the rather startling declaration made by a prominent mainland man who for the past six months has been in close touch with political horoscopes emanating from the national seat of government.

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## HIRANO PROTECTED BY JUVENILE COURT ACTION

Umekichi Hirano, the Japanese whose letter charging that he was the victim of justice that had gone astray appeared in Monday's Star-Bulletin, seemed more satisfied with the course of the law when this afternoon in Judge Whitney's court two of the boys who threw stones at his advertising automobile were reprimanded and placed upon probation. Hirano alleges that he was arrested while trying to make the boys stop throwing stones at him, and that, whereas he should have been the plaintiff in the case, he was made defendant and fined fifteen dollars by the action of the police court. It would appear from the testimony of a little girl in the juvenile court that it was she, an innocent bystander, whom Hirano was holding when the police arrived. Hirano, who states that he did not try to hurt the little girl, but that he thought she had thrown the stones, is still of the opinion that the police court did wrong in fining him.

## Misses a Chance

After urging that the consideration of the additional appropriation act be deferred until this afternoon, Senator Chillingworth was not present this afternoon when the matter came before the senate. No reason was given for his absence. The bill passed third reading, and will now go to the house.

According to the Maui News, thieves secured four overcoats from a number of autos that were left unattended at the Kahului Lyceum last Monday.

## TURKEY TOTTERING NOW ONE WEEK MAY END FIGHT

British Foreign Office Expects Adrianople to Fall at Any Moment—Commander Notifies Porte He Cannot Hold Out Much Longer—Allies Demand Spoils of Victory

(Associated Press Cable)  
LONDON, Eng., March 12.—Turkey is tottering to a fall in Europe to-night, and the victory of the allies cannot be much longer held back. The British foreign office fully expects the Bulgarian hosts to enter Adrianople at any moment. The office has been advised that the key fort of Hertantaria fell today, giving the Bulgars command of the situation.

## ALLIES SAY TURKEY MUST AGREE TO TERMS

(Associated Press Cable)  
BELGRADE, Servia, March 12.—The allies declare themselves willing to accept the mediation of the powers provided Turkey will agree to surrender Adrianople, Scutari and the Aegean Isles and pay an indemnity to the victors. CONSTANTINOPLE, Turkey, March 2.—Shukri Pasha, commander of Adrianople, has notified the Porte that he can resist the assaults of the allies but a week longer.

## Marquard Must Work Now

(Associated Press Cable)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 12.—Rube Marquard, the New York National League's star left-hand pitcher, was today married to Blossom Seeley, recently divorced from Joe Kane, the actor. Rube and Miss Seeley have been traveling in a vaudeville skit together. Simultaneously, the great left-hander announces that he has signed a contract to pitch for the Giants during the coming season. He has been a "hold-out" on Manager McGraw, asking a salary of at least \$7,500 a year, but the clever twirler and his manager have come to terms.

## Order Affects Newspapers

(Associated Press Cable)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12.—Postmaster-General Burleson today made public an order requiring all newspapers to comply with the publicity law passed a few months ago by Congress, or face prosecutions. It is said that a number of papers have not observed the law.

## Revolt Flaming In Mexico

(Associated Press Cable)  
NOGALES, Mex., March 12.—Another serious revolt against the Huerta rule is indicated by the news today that the state of Sinaloa has rebelled and named a provisional governor of its own.

## HUERTA FORCES LEAVE AGUA PRIETA TO ENEMY

(Associated Press Cable)  
DOUGLAS, Ariz., March 12.—Gen. Ojeda, with 475 Huertistas, has evacuated Agua Prieta after a vain attempt to hold it against the Constitutionalists.

## STEAM-ROLLER BREAKS WATER-MAIN AND 75-FOOT GEYSER TURNS LOOSE

When the 30-ton steam-roller used by the city to repair the pavement on the Emma street hill ran across an old surface water-main at the junction of School and Luso streets at a quarter of 9 o'clock this morning, a column of water which gained a height of seventy-five feet shot up into the air and for a time threatened to flood both Emma and School streets until, an hour later, it was finally shut off at the Fort street terminal.

For the past week the city has been at work in that section of the city, repairing the Emma street pavement, laying a new sewer, and installing a larger water-main to take the place of the old one. According to those who were present at the time the break occurred, the steam-roller was run up onto Luso street, the front rollers passing over the old pipe line and cracking it. A short distance down, at a place where the damaged pipe was connected with another lateral, the valve had been closed to allow the repair of the pipe beyond the joint. There was considerable pressure in the damaged lateral at the time of the accident, and the water rushed out of the aperture and commenced flowing down Emma street and onto the new pavement. Unable to shut the water off at any point near where the break occurred, the workmen employed on the sewer and new water-main immediately threw up a bank across Emma street and headed the water down the gutters on both sides of School street. The break occurred a few feet on the mauka side of the car line, causing traffic to be held up for a considerable time.

Supt. of Water-works Joe Little, as soon as he was informed of the break, hastened to the Fort street terminal and shut off the water, and from there went to the scene of the accident, where, with a few turns of a key, he let the water out into the main lateral, thereby shutting off the geyser which was issuing from the break in the pipe. One of the employees of the water-works department who visited the scene of the break this morning, said that the pipe which was damaged, while being but an inch or so underground, and in some places exposed, was laid some twenty years ago and was probably in such a state of corrosion that any slight blow would have caused a break.

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The addition to the First National Bank of Walluku is expected to be finished and ready for occupancy in a few days.

The T. B. M. Club at Walluku, Maui.